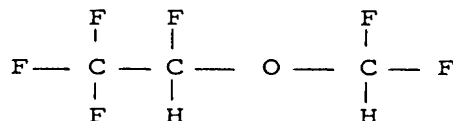


ABSTRACT

The present invention is directed to an anesthesia inducing composition comprising a mixture of oxygen gas and an anesthesia inducing effective amount of a compound 2-(difluoromethoxy)-1,1,1,2-tetrafluoroethane having the formula

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PA The present invention is also directed to methods of inducing and/or maintaining anesthesia by administering the composition in sufficient amounts to warm blooded animals.